

## **Department of Energy** Washington, DC 20585

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U.S. National Committee to the International Electrotechnical Commission American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 25 West 43rd Street 4th Floor New York, NY 10036

Dear USNC Selection Panel,

I am writing to endorse Caity Clark's application to represent the United States in the 2023 Young Professionals program. Dr. Clark is an excellent nominee, and I am pleased to recommend her application.

Dr. Clark currently works at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, where she serves as an expert on the standards development committee for resource assessment and uncertainty quantification for wave energy converters, as well as a special team for design load case definition. Her expertise is greatly appreciated in these groups.

Dr. Clark also joined the USNC Young and Emerging Professionals (YEP) Committee, and with her previous experience as Director of the International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy (INORE), she offers valuable insight on how to best engage early career professionals and has dedicated years of her career to empowering students and emerging leaders. As I have had the pleasure of attending three previous GMs, first as a YP, returning as a YP Leader, and most recently as a panelist during the Open Session, I can personally confirm that attending the General Meeting as a YP is one of the best ways to solidify burgeoning interest in standards into a career-long passion. For this reason, among the others mentioned, I believe she is an excellent candidate for the YP program.

Dr. Clark's expertise in international standards, experience in supporting young professionals, and desire to expand her experience with IEC will ensure that if selected, she will be a wonderful ambassador for the USNC. I strongly support her candidacy.

Regards.

Carrie Schmaus

2018 IEC Young Professional Leader

Chair, USNC Young and Emerging Professional Committee

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